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Elba City Council passes resolution Petitions begin circulating for wet-dry election

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council has passed a resolution Monday evening, and they did it as a group voting unanimously in support of a resolution to support the local schools any additional tax monies received by the city from the legal sale of alcoholic beverages, should the sale of alcoholic beverages become legal in the City of Elba.

This resolution had been requested two weeks ago by a group of local citizens who have been meeting informally for several months, seeking ways to raise additional local funds needed by the Elba school system.

Spokesman for the group, Daniel Stephens, addressed the council two weeks ago and said they wanted to be able to assure local citizens that if a proposed wet-dry issue was approved, additional money generated from the sale of alcoholic beverages within the city limits would directly benefit the financially strapped Elba schools. Stephens said Monday evening that he understands the petitions calling for the wet-dry election have begun to circulate, but he didn't know how many names have been secured, nor did he know how many people were actually circulating petitions. The group needs to secure between 400 and 500 signatures of qualified Elba voters in order to get the matter on the ballot for a vote. Alabama law spells out exactly what percentage of the voters casting ballots in the last city election must sign such a petition to make it binding on the city council to call an election. Once the names have been submitted, the city must check them as authenticity within a set number of days and then call a city-wide election within another predetermined number of days.

Only legal, registered voters of Elba may legally sign such a petition and/or vote in the subsequent election.

The resolution passed by the city council takes no position either in favor or against the sale of alcoholic beverages in the corporate limits of the City of Elba.

Number Two: That any and all revenue received by the city on the sale of alcoholic beverages, with the exception of general sales taxes shall be utilized and distributed so as to support and fund the Elba City School System.

Number Three: Should no municipal option election be held within twelve (12) months of the adoption of this Resolution or should the majority voters of Elba vote against the sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages in the corporate limits of the City of Elba then this Resolution shall be considered null and void.

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C.C. Youth Leadership graduates second class

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Youth Leadership program graduated its second class of students Monday evening, April 8, at the National Security Conference Center in Elba.

Chad Tindol, chairperson of the steering committee, said the youth leadership program was designed to teach leadership skills to the high school students in Coffee County.

Tindol said the students began as a group from five different schools but over time became one cohesive group.

Throughout the year, the students participated in a variety of things and learned a lot about Coffee County through agriculture, health, community life, the legal system and government.

One highlight for the students seemed to be the opportunity they had at holding a mock trial while learning about the legal system. The students filled the roles of attorneys, judge, defendant and jurors.

Besides attending the various sessions mentioned above, the students are required each year to select and complete a community service project. This year's class chose the renovation of the Coffee County Family Services Center Children's Dental Clinic.

This clinic is located at the Coffee County Health Department and will serve many of the more than 4,000 Medicaid eligible children in Coffee County with dental care.

For this project, the students painted murals and chairs, installed baseboards and floor tiles, painted the entry screens and cut bamboo for the covered entryway.

Class member Jacob Swann put the final touch on the program as he said the members came from various backgrounds but over time grew to know one another and came together as a close knit group.

"It's (Coffee County Youth Leadership) helped to develop us into the leaders we will be tomorrow," he said. "We've done great things today. What great things are we going to do for tomorrow?"

Members of the Coffee County Youth Leadership Program's Class of 2002 include: Bart Barnes, Sheena Flowers, Jessica Hatcock, Blake Lambert, Courtney Pelham, DeAnn Smith and Kyrsty Ward, all of Elba High School; Allan Harrison and Brittany Thompson, both of Zion Chapel High School; Jody McCormick, Melanie McGlothlen, Delora Moore and Joseph Sawyer, all of New Brockton High School; Elizabeth Farris and Ashley Johnson, both of Kinston High School; Lancia Arwine, Shasta Brown, Michael Carter, Tiffany Cintron, Justin Filipowski, Megan Flinn, Hannah Hightland, Crystal Reese, Jacob Swann and Jazzmine Toney, all of Enterprise High School.

During Coffee County Commission meeting Citizens voice opposition to landfill permit modification

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The majority of the Coffee County Commission meeting Monday morning, April 8, revolved around a public hearing concerning a possible landfill expansion as several county citizens voiced their opposition.

The commission held the hearing to get an idea of the public's opinion regarding a permit modification for the Coffee County Landfill. The county is looking at submitting a request to increase the service area of the landfill to include all counties in the State of Alabama, Florida and Georgia (293 counties altogether) and increase the maximum average daily volume of 600 tons per day to 1,200 tons per day.

Before opening the floor for comments, Commission chairman Tom Grimley said no decision would be made during Monday's meeting concerning the matter.

County engineer Randy Tindell began the comments by explaining the county's reasons for wanting to request the permit modification.

He said one of the largest waste management corporations recently opened a facility in Brundidge, and a great deal of waste that at one time came to Coffee County is now going there instead.

Tindell said an estimate indicates that by year end revenues at the Coffee County Landfill will be down \$1 million.

"For the landfill to remain an asset instead of a liability for the county, you need to replace the lost business," he said.

Ben McKee, a county resident and representative of a group known as the Concerned Citizens of Coffee County, said the group he represents learned in Dec. 1991 that their elected officials had voted to build a landfill at its current location adjacent to Whitewater Creek.

"First it was only going to be for Coffee County," McKee said. "Then it was going to take five counties to break even, and it (landfill) was opened to 11 counties."

He added that the then commission also said the landfill was never going to be sold, and an attempt to do just that was made during the past year.

McKee said the people of Coffee County living near the landfill already deal with problems such as buzzards interfering with cattle and an odor from the landfill. He said increasing the number of counties served and tonnage allowed will only

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Democratic Party	Republican Party
Sheriff: Ben Motter (Incumbent) Ronald W. Whitworth	Sheriff: Wesley DeVane Richard L. Barnes
Revenue Commissioner: Donnie Farris Bob Helms	Revenue Commissioner: Ronnie Barnes (Incumbent) Deborah A. Sims
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Ward announces candidacy for BOE District One seat

Keith Ward, a lifelong resident of the Zion Chapel Community, Jack, Ala., announced his plans this week to seek the Republican nomination for the Coffee County Board of Education District One seat during the upcoming election.

Ward is a 1989 graduate of Zion Chapel High School and attended two years at Enterprise State Junior College. He is married to the former Teresa Dunn of Brundidge, and they have two children, Zackary Dylan, 7-years-old, and Heather Lynn, 2-years-old. The family attends Bethlehem Baptist Church.

Ward has been a member of the Zion Chapel Youth Sports Program for the past three years and currently serves as its vice-president.

"I am a firm believer that you should be active in the school system if you are going to represent it," he said. "Since I have been involved with the youth program over the past few years, I have noticed some things in which I feel could be handled differently to ensure that we are not getting away from putting our children first."

Ward said being involved with the school system is something he plans to do for many years to come with his oldest child only being in the second grade.

"It's my belief that a person with children in school has a better interest in improving the school system as a whole," he said. "When I attended school myself, I didn't think much about the school's future, but as a father, I am now constantly looking for ways to improve the system."

He said the Coffee County Board of Education District One seat needs to be filled by a person who will stand behind the community and students and listen to their needs and wants.

"I have many years of active duty with the school ahead of me," Ward said. "As a school parent."

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Grant seeks BOE District One seat

Carlton Grant announced his candidacy this week for the Coffee County Board of Education District One seat. He will seek the Democratic nomination during the June 4 Primary election.

Grant graduated from Zion Chapel High School in 1969 and attended Troy State University. He is married to the former Debra Sanders of Goshen and has one son, Wesley, age 16, and one stepson, Bobby Meadows, age 29.

"I have always had an interest in the county school system," he said. "And, working with kids is something I have always done."

Grant said he helped form the Youth Sports Program at Zion Chapel when his son was in kindergarten, and he remained active with that program for many years. He also has served as president of the school's PTO.

"With a child in the school system, there are several things I would like to see changed," he said.

One change Grant said he would like to see is that the school board member positions become non-paying positions.

"If you are as interested in the schools as you need to be, you should be willing to hold the position without pay," he said.

Also, Grant said he feels only people with children in the school system should be school board members. He said those with a child in the school system will have a better interest in doing what is right for the system as a whole.

"I would like the opportunity to work with all the county schools to improve them any way we can," said Grant.

"Therefore, I ask for your support and vote during the upcoming election as we work together to help our children."

Area Happenings

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK The Elba Public Library will have a book sale April 15-19 in celebration of National Library Week. Overdue fines may be paid during this week by bringing canned food items (one can for every dollar) to the library. The cans will be donated to the Christian Mission.

ELBA CLEAN UP DAY Team Clean Up Day, sponsored by the Elba Chamber of Commerce, is scheduled for Saturday, April 20, beginning at 9 a.m. Activities include picking up trash around the city, sprucing up the flower pots around the sidewalks and cleaning around the courthouse. Civic groups, school clubs, church groups, business organizations or anyone interested in putting a team together is asked to help with this project. Team members of "A New You In '02" can use this opportunity to accumulate miles. Lunch will be provided at 12 Noon and will be prepared by the Elba Fire Department. Anyone interested should call the Elba Chamber of Commerce office at 897-4123 to sign up.

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

The newspaper business is one in which it is awful easy to offend people without even trying. Requiring ALL letters to the editor to be signed by at least one real, reachable person is guaranteed to offend someone whenever an emotional issue is in the news. Last week we apparently did it again, by declining to publish a long letter to the editor because the only signature submitted was that of a person whose emotions are already worked up to understand that this rule wasn't put in just for one group. . . . it cuts all four ways, regardless of the position being taken in the letter. Actually it gives credibility to the content of the letter, in the eyes of the reader. It is impossible to explain that we once tried the unsigned letters method and that didn't improve our letters to the Editor column, it just offended more of our readers who felt that if a person felt strongly enough about an issue to express a written opinion, they should feel strongly enough to sign their name(s). Frankly, we agree and you all know exactly who writes these opinions in Brainstorms (and takes the praise and/or verbal abuse that goes with the job). Sure it would probably be flattering to have everyone agree with our opinions, but that is not reality. What is better is knowing we are in a free country and every person has the right to voice their own opinion, in agreement or disagreement. We are secure in that reality far more than we would be in having everyone walking up and nodding agreement because it was dangerous to do otherwise. Send us your letters, on any issue, agreeing with us or not, but please, don't ask us to print it without your name. This only leads to tense, and sometimes embarrassing, moments as it would be diplomatic in refusing your request. Another thing that is hard for some people to accept is that we are not offended by opinions that differ from our own. Long ago it was made clear in our mind that our answers are quite often not the best routes to solving a problem.

Thus far none of the letters to the editor dealing with the proposed wet-dry issue have created any open disagreement over the signature issue, but then the movement is young and there is plenty of time. If we get no offended letter writer over the signature requirement in this round, it will be a first. Usually someone on one side or the other has something to say but is reluctant to step forward and be counted by name. They often have what they consider justifiable reasons for us making an exception to the rule. Not being smart enough to know where to draw that jagged line, we don't try. . . . it is straight and applies to all of us.

It has been several weeks since the anniversaries of Elba's major floods. They were not mentioned here at the time and by design. On the very anniversary of one of our disastrous floods, many of our fellow Americans in Tennessee and Kentucky were being hit by flooding rains, causing death and destruction. It is eerie to think that if those weather fronts had moved a little further south. . . .

Monday May 13th is our magic day! Groundbreaking on the massive levee improvements in good old Elba, Ala. That is the day Mayor James Grimes will grab a shovel, along with a host of state and federal officials, and launch the actual work that will make greater Elba secure from those fickle bad weather patterns. Hopefully you will be there with us, sharing our bursting pride, as the long awaited work gets underway.

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of April 1, 2002, through April 7, 2002. They were: Veneria Boutwell, Ryan Hartman, Pearlie Culver, Harold Hudson, Glenda Clark, James Arnold, James R. Arnold, Michael Driggers, Mallic Hudson, Billy Wood, Helen Lader, Caitlin Powell, Kayla Johnson, Cody Helton, April Mooney, Roy Davis and Joyce Johnson.

same time period were: Rushing Hutchinson, James Macion, Terry Chandler, Annie Morrow, Nemie Mary, Joshua Wood, Elsie Copps, Dewey Kilcrease, Shirley Hudson, Damian Hudson, Shondorius Mitchell, Sandarius Reed, Ryan Hartman, James Arnold, Pearlie Culver, Mallic Hudson, Billy Wood, Veneria Boutwell, James Arnold, Michael Driggers, Glenda Clark, Harold Hudson, Caitlin Powell and Billy Wood.

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Elba teams hitting the pavement hard during health initiative

The Coffee County Health Initiative "A New You In '02" is now in its fourth week and the miles are really adding up as teams in Elba compete to be the championship team.

There are 24 teams in Elba and most of them are walking 100 miles or more each week. Some are dragging up the rear end, but they still have plenty of time to catch up.

After three weeks, the following is a summary of what the Elba teams have walked (some are keeping up with their weight loss also):

National Security
Mike's Troopers, 208.4 miles
Zany Zoomers, 273.2 miles
Fast & Furious, 345.5 miles
National Security Trotters, 181 miles
National Security Walking Tigers, 239.2 miles
Speed Demons, 172.1 miles

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, April 1, 2002, investigated the following incidents: four for theft of property, two for burglary, one lost property, one abandoned trailer, one harassment, two for receiving stolen property, one criminal mischief, one possession of a controlled substance, one minor in possession, two for drug overdose and two for domestic violence.

The following arrests were made: two for domestic violence, two for failure to appear, two for receiving stolen property, two for possession of a controlled substance and four for minor in possession.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: two for violation of the seat belt law, one for a revoked driver's license, one for an expired tag, one for a switched tag, four for non-operating vehicle, four for speeding, one for driver's license, one for an open container, one for violation of the child restraint law, two for no insurance and three for no proof of insurance.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, APRIL 1 - River stage - 8.02 feet (6:32 a.m.); Burglary reported at 1515 Jones St. (12:59 p.m.). Routine activity.

TUESDAY, APRIL 2 - Disturbance reported at 705 Newton St. (1:46 a.m.); Disturbance reported at Elba General Hospital (4:18 a.m.); River stage - 7.80 feet (6:11 a.m.); Routine activity.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3 - River stage - 7.68 feet (6:09 a.m.); Alarm activated at 5389 Hwy. 84 (4:50 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched behind Dr. Cochran's office (5:44 p.m.).

BULLETIN BOARD

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- **ROTARY CLUB** - Tuesday @ Noon-First First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
- **ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN.** - Tues. 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
- **ELBA CITY COUNCIL** - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6 p.m. City Hall
- **WATER & ELECTRIC** - Tuesday following 2nd Monday 6 p.m. - City Hall
- **QUIET SUPPORT GROUP** - every Monday 6:30 p.m. - Elba United Methodist Church enter on side on W. Davis St. - Maggie Garrett Classroom
- **COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION** - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton
- **LIONS CLUB** - 2nd & 4th Tues. 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizens Center
- **ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD** - 1st Thurs. 5:30 p.m. - Supp. Office
- **AMERICAN LEGION** - 1st Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
- **MASONIC LODGE 179** - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month 7 p.m.
- **BAND BOOSTERS** - 1st Mon. 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School
- **VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER** - Mon-Fri. 8-12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5858
- **COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN.** - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. - Club House
- **COFFEE WOMEN** - 3rd Wed. Noon - Colony Inn, Enterprise
- **AIRPORT AUTHORITY** - 1st Tuesday at noon, City Hall Conference Room
- **AARP** meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month
- **CIVIL AIR PATROL** - Every Monday 7 p.m. - Elba Airport - Driscoll hangar
- **ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB** - 1st & 3rd Monday 7 p.m. - Elba High boys locker room

Team Two - 118 miles & 35 lbs.
SouthTrust - 206 miles
Courthouse Gang - 96 miles
TOTAL - 4958 MILES & 92 POUNDS

Some teams have issued challenges to other teams so they need to keep a check on the miles to see where things stand. The way it stands now, the Top Cops are going to be washing cars at National Security for the Fast & Furious team.

Other planned activities include: Mike's Gym is open on Thursday afternoon from 5-8:30 p.m. Free during these hours.

Mile markers have been placed downtown, beginning at St. Catrine Center and also at the high school.

Dr. Scott Hansen will conduct a seminar on Healthy Lifestyles on Tuesday, April 16 at 5:00 p.m. at the Senior Citizen Center.

There is no charge for the seminar. The grand finale for the Elba teams will be Friday, May 3, from 5:30-7 p.m. An announcement of the winner will be made after all



THE PINK FLAMINGOS . . . recently landed in the yard of Mrs. Gennette Kendrick. Sponsored by The Peoples Bank the birds fly to the yards of residents' participation in the Relay for Life. As a former member of the Elba City School Board I understand the problems running a school system with inadequate funds. As a former teacher in the Elba City School System I understand the problem of teaching with inadequate funds. But as a present leader of 43 of Elba's finest young girls, I also understand the problems teens face daily in overcoming the evils society puts in their paths.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I think we shouldn't have alcohol being sold in Elba. It's bad for the people of Elba. We'll have more accidents, and that means lots more drinking and driving.

As a young teen, I feel that this will influence more teens to turn to alcohol. The people that want Elba to become a wet town say that it will profit the school. I feel there are other things to make a profit for the school instead of alcohol.

Children here are faced with enough issues without adding to it. So think of all of us if we do go to alcohol. Where will we be in the future?

Yoesha Terry
EES - 6th Grade Student

Dear Editor,

I am writing in regard to the proposal of a wet/dry referendum for Elba. As a former member of the Elba City School Board I understand the problems running a school system with inadequate funds. As a former teacher in the Elba City School System I understand the problem of teaching with inadequate funds. But as a present leader of 43 of Elba's finest young girls, I also understand the problems teens face daily in overcoming the evils society puts in their paths.

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Much work by the supporters of this effort has already been done, and the petitions are already circulating. Elba is on the fast track to legalizing alcohol sales unless those who want to keep alcohol out of our town

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Obituaries

LEX BLACKMON
Mr. Lex Blackmon, age 90, of Elba, AL, died April 2, 2002, at Elba General Hospital in Elba.

Funeral services were held April 4, 2002 at Piney Grove Baptist Church in Opp, AL, with Rev. Johnny Lawrence officiating. Burial followed at Piney Grove Church Cemetery in Opp with Coleman Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Mr. Blackmon was preceded in death by his wife Edna Earl (Seymour) Blackmon and a daughter Rebecca Handley.

Survivors include two daughters: Genesee Rhoades, Lufkin, Patti White, Atoka, Okla., two sons: Braxton Blackmon and Otter Blackmon, both of Elba, four sisters: Fleta Staton and Mary Spencer, both of Andalusia, Mallic Hudson, Elba, Quimmie Gilchrist, Tallahassee, Fla., 15 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.

JOHN LUKE AUSTIN
Mr. John Luke Austin, age 76, died March 31, 2002.

Funeral services were held April 4, 2002 at Piney Grove Baptist Church in Opp, AL, with Rev. Johnny Lawrence officiating. Burial followed at Piney Grove Church Cemetery in Opp with Coleman Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Mr. Austin was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy Mae Austin and daughter, Mary Townsend.

Survivors include five sons: Robert (Rosamie) Austin, Elba, Jerome Austin, Samson, AL, Willie J. (Bill), Ishai (Shelar) Austin, and Thomas D. Austin, all of Opp, AL, three daughters: Dorothy Jean

Campbell, and Kathy (Byron) McClain, both of Opp, Grace (Johnny Booth) Edwards, Kinston; two sisters: Esther Mae Ellison, Opp, and Rebecca Foster, Dothan; 32 grandchildren and 38 great-grandchildren.

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Tiger Tales

Editor:
Katie Grimes

EES Faculty Spotlight

by Jonathan Head

This article pays tribute to the EES Faculty Spotlight of the week Mrs. Jama Hutchison.

Mrs. Hutchison is a secretary at Elba Elementary and has been earning her deep at EES for two years. Mrs. Hutchison is a graduate of the education program at local Troy State University.

While Mrs. Hutchison is not partaking in the pleasures of work, she enjoys painting, fishing, and spending time with friends. She is the proud wife of Benji Hutchison, and they have recently welcomed a new baby boy into the family.

When asked who inspired her the most as to her career path, Mrs. Hutchison replied, "My grandmother Jessie Windham taught for over 40 years and made a difference in so many lives."



Jama Hutchison

If Mrs. Hutchison decided to leave the field of education, she would wish to go into the practice of business management. Here's to Mrs. Hutchison, EES Faculty Spotlight of the week.

Elba students test knowledge with Stanford Achievement Test

by Stephanie Sasser

The students of the Elba City School system are once again testing their knowledge with the Stanford Achievement Test (SAT). The SAT is designed to evaluate what the student has learned, comprehended, and retained thus far in their educational tenure. However, there is one minor change this year. In years past, third through

eleventh graders have all been required to take the SAT, but because of the increased difficulty of the Graduation Exam, ninth through eleventh graders are being excluded from the SAT this year. The schedule for the testing of students is as follows:

Wednesday April 3rd: 3rd grade Reading Comprehension; 4th & 6th grades Math Procedures/Reading Vocabulary
Thursday April 4th: 3rd grade Language; 4th & 6th grades Reading Comprehension
Friday April 5th: 4th grade

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This week's Co-op Spotlight focuses on Brandy Davis. Brandy is a senior at Elba High School and the 18-year-old daughter of Debbie Duncan. She is employed at the Elba Marketplace where she works as a cashier.

Brandy's extracurricular activities at Elba High include holding the office of vice-president of VICA.

After graduation, she plans on attending Wallace College in Dothan.



Brandy Davis

Activities planned during National Library Week at Elba City Schools

by Kimberly Farris

National Library Week marks the launch of an exciting new, national initiative sponsored by the American Library Association called "Rediscover America @ your library." This program is intended to display the vital role of libraries and librarians to our democracy and assure policymakers and the public that libraries and librarians are needed now, more than ever.

The Elba Public Library and Elba City School Libraries united for National Library Week. Mayor Grimes attended the meeting and read the National Library Week 2002 Proclamation.

"Librarians are the guardians of free access to information and resources," said Mayor Grimes.

Each library will be celebrating National Library Week in different ways. The Elba Elementary School will have a variety of activities including games, contests and readers' choice awards.

Elba High School is also going to have competitions and prizes. Appreciation gifts will



Elba Mayor James Grimes displays the city's proclamation honoring National Library Week. He is joined by students Gavin Mauldin, Rebecca English and Richreana Singletary.

be given to faculty and staff. Seventh grade advanced English students wrote public service announcements. A panel of four selected the following students:

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EHS holds Miss Spring Break pageant

by Katie Grimes

In celebration of Elba High School's spring break vacation, the journalism staff sponsored

the annual Miss Spring Break pageant.

This event, which has become a favored tradition among the students of Elba High, offers a twist on traditional pageantry competition: this is where the guys are allowed to get more in touch with their feminine sides. That's right the guys parade as girls.

This year's pageant featured 14 lovely "ladies" of Elba High School. The contestants sought out the help of reliable female friends to assist them in the transition from a rough and tough young man to a "proper" lady. Once the "ladies" had put their faces on and found the perfect outfit, they paraded their stuff for the judges.

This year's winners were: "Alexis Zelandrea Daniels" (Zel Daniels) - winner; "Micah Hunt" (Jonathan Head) - 1st runner-up; "Michelle 'Big Chocolate' Reed" (Michael Reed) - 2nd runner-up; and "Gabby 'Paulina' Mauldin" (Gavin Mauldin) - Miss Congeniality.

Elba Athletic Club sponsoring first ever Lift-A-Thon

by Gavin Mauldin

On Friday, April 19, the Athletic Club will sponsor a first time Lift-A-Thon.

The Lift-A-Thon will be held in the Elba High School gym at 7 p.m. Admission is \$1, and the event will be open to the public.

The Lift-A-Thon will be an exhibition and fundraiser. The athletes that participate in the Lift-A-Thon will lift in three core lifts: the bench press, the squat and the power clean. The athletes will seek pledges per pound prior to the Lift-A-Thon. That pledge made by an individual will be multiplied by the number of pounds the athlete lifts in the core lift in which he was sponsored into one sum. Flat donations can also be pledged. All proceeds will then be used by ALL sport programs at Elba High School in order to purchase better equipment, new jerseys, etc.

The Lift-A-Thon will also be an exhibition of Elba High athletes' commitment to become fitter, faster and stronger. The athletes have been working extremely

Elba Elementary School Menu

April 15 - 19, 2002

BREAKFAST

Monday - Cinnamon Toast, 1/2 Apple, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Tuesday - Pancakes & Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Wednesday - Biscuit & Jelly, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Thursday - Eggs, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk

LUNCH

Monday - Chicken Nuggets, Potato Salad, Green Beans, Roll, Applesauce, Milk
Tuesday - Hamburger, French Fries, Tomato, Dill Pickles, Peach Cup Milk
Wednesday - Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Peas & Carrots, 1/2 Orange, Roll, Milk
Thursday - Pizza, Broccoli w/ Cheese, Corn, Mixed Fruit, Milk
Friday - Turkey Sandwich, Rice, English Peas, 1/2 Apple, Milk

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A few participants include Dougie Kyles, Jason Curran, Kyle English, Ralston Moore, Derrick Thomas and Jesse Schultz.

Microcomputer course offered at MacArthur State

MacArthur State Technical College will offer a Basic Microcomputer Skills course. This course will meet on Mondays and Thursdays from 2:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. for six weeks. Classes will be held in the Computer Science Department, Room G-1. Class begins Monday, April 15, 2002.

Basic Microcomputer Skills is a beginner course that introduces users to the world of computing and computer applications. This hands-on course will cover Windows 98, Microsoft Word 2000, and e-mail. The cost of the course is \$75.00 per participant. Participants will be charged an additional fee for their textbook. Anyone interested in this course must register before Monday, April 15, 2002. For more information or to register please contact Cindy Green with MacArthur's Workforce Development and Continuing Education Program at (334) 493-3573, ext. 244.

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MISS KINSTON - First Alternate and Verbal Communications winner - Ashley Hunko; MISS KINSTON 2002, Highest Scholastic Average, Interview Winner and Evening Gown Winner - April Hawthorne; Second Alternate and Miss Congeniality - Nikki Moore

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create bigger problems.

"Going from 11 counties to 293...things will not look the way they do today," McKee said. "Several commissioners have told the concerned citizens that if they can come up with a way to create money, the tonnage would not be increased."

He said in his opinion one way to save money would be to spend it adequately and not blackout roads that do not need to be blacktopped.

"First, I want to say thank you for not selling the landfill to a private contractor," Annette Grinsley said. "When we learned that the commission wanted to increase the tonnage from 600 tons per day to 1,200 tons and cover three states for 293 counties, we were shocked."

She spent her time giving commissioners figures on birth defects and genetic defects caused by chemicals and said studies show that household waste is as toxic as industrial waste.

"The EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) says every landfill will leak at some time," Grinsley said. "I'm asking you to do the right thing and not turn our landfill into an environmental prostitute. I ask you to go for industry not garbage."

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"If Coffee County has made a profit from the landfill, why don't we close it down and dump the garbage on Brundidge?" he asked.

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would have a chance to voice their opinion.

Margie McMillian said she believe there is too much waste going into the landfill that could be recycled, and the county should mandate that the people recycle more.

As Grinsley indicated earlier in the meeting, the commission took no action on the matter after closing the hearing; however, it did handle the following matters during the meeting:

* Approved a motion to accept bids for the publication of the county's voter list. The bids will be opened at the next meeting of the commission.

* Approved a motion to adopt the Senior Citizen Center policies. The manager at each senior center will be given a copy of these policies.

* Approved a motion made by Commissioner Robert Stephens to designate Wade, McNamara and Parrish as the architect for his portion of a Senior Citizen Center grant being applied for to construct two new centers.

Commissioner Doug Dyalmyple will designate an architect for his portion at a later time.

* Approved a motion made by Grinsley to donate \$1,000 for the remodeling of the Pea River Historical Society Museum.

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JUNIOR MISS KINSTON - First Alternate, Highest Scholastic Average, and Interview Winner - Tiffany Wilson; JUNIOR MISS KINSTON 2002 and Stage Presence Winner - Amy Mascarro; Second Alternate - Amber McCall; (Not pictured) Miss Congeniality - Jessie Jacobs



LITTLE MISS KINSTON - Second Alternate - Gabrielle Grace; LITTLE MISS KINSTON 2002 - Summer Wilkerson; First Alternate - Arissa Davis

WARD

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board member. I promise to get out and get things done."

He said the people he went to school with are now the parents of today's children, and they all must work together to continue to improve the schools.

"I want to give back to the school system by providing our students with the best opportunities for today and tomorrow."

Ward said, "Therefore, I ask for the support and vote of the people in District One as I work to become your representative on the Coffee County Board of Education."

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THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

After a one year absence the Mularz family once again has a cheerleader in the house. Our older daughter had been a high school cheerleader for years and there were always pom-poms and megaphones lying around the house, but after she graduated we had a year of silence and put the accessories upstairs in the attic. Last week Melanie made the junior high squad, and I guess now we'll have to find some of big sister's stuff and get ready to go to junior high football and basketball games. One thing for certain, as long as you have children you don't have to worry about finding things to do.

SWINGS AND MISSES...

The Elba Tigers came back from the holidays well rested and ready to play baseball, and made their return to the diamond a winning one as they won three games last week to improve their record to 8-3. The Tigers opened the week with an easy 13-3 win over Samson, then whipped up on Luverne 12-5 in a key game and closed out the week with an 8-4 win over SA Greenville. I expected the Tigers to bounce back with a new energy after finally getting a few days off, and they more than exceeded my expectations with the three big wins. The Elba pitching staff of Brandon Petty, Marcus Henderson and Kyle English all had solid outings in the wins, while Jason Curran blasted two home runs during the week and Ralston Moore batted out seven hits in the three games. Elba still has some big area matchups ahead and will have to play its best to come out on top. However, after last week's success the Tigers should be chomping at the bits to get back on the field and add more wins to their record.

The Elba Lady Tigers saw their record slip to 0-6 last week after a loss to Daleville and two losses in a weekend tournament, but the Lady Tigers are slowly getting better and just need a little luck to break into the win column. Elba continued to dig itself into an early hole in the losses to Daleville and Opp, but led Andalusia 3-2 heading into the bottom of the seventh before falling to a late rally. The loss to Andalusia should have shown the Elba girls just how good they can be when they play well, and if they will use the disappointing loss as a wake-up call, the wins can't be far behind. C'mon girls, keep believing and it will happen.

Kinston and Zion Chapel suffered rare losses last week in baseball, but both teams are still solidly lined up for a run at the state playoffs and appear headed for their best seasons ever. The Bulldogs lost to Montgomery power Alabama Christian on Saturday afternoon to see their sixteen game winning streak snapped, but bounced right back and upset Geneva County to start another streak. The Rebels were shocked by Pike County as their record slipped to 10-6, and even though the Rebs lost twice last week, the 7-3 loss to top-ranked G.W. Long was perhaps the best overall game Zion Chapel has played this season, and the loss to Pike County was to a 3A team with an 8-8 record. If you haven't had a chance to see these teams in action, check the schedule and try to catch a game before the season ends, you might just have some fun.

The youth baseball and softball seasons are now underway, and once again this season the teams from Elba will travel a little to play some teams from the surrounding area. A few years ago Elba, and Luverne joined ranks in Dixie Boys baseball to give their teams' fresh faces to see and compete against, while this year the girls will join in on the fun and make trips to Opp, Andalusia and Luverne to play some games against teams from other towns. The teams will still play most of their games against league teams from Elba, but will now get the chance to see how other teams play, and can compare just how far our programs have come when compared to those from other towns. Hey, the players want to play, and this should be even more fun for them as the season rolls along.

In closing... My younger brother Gary lives in Mobile and has a daughter that attends Rice University on a swimming scholarship. This past season Mandy was named the swimmer of the year in the Western Athletic Conference after setting two conference records at the WAC meet, and more recently she placed second in the 50 yard free style at the NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships, placing only .13 of a second behind the winner. Mandy has dedicated her free time to swimming for many years to get to the top of her sport, and she has almost made it. I am not sure, but even though Gary could do a mean cannonball off the high dive at the country club when we were growing up, I can't give him too much credit for easing on his swimming skills to his daughter.

Grab big area road win

Tigers rally past Luverne 12-5

The Elba Tigers grabbed a big area win on the road Thursday afternoon by defeating the Luverne Tigers 12-5, in Luverne.

A single by Richard Myers and a walk to Matthew Curran sparked the early Elba rally, while while Kyle English delivered a key single that resulted in both runs.

Singles by Marcus Henderson and Rick Smith, along with a walk to Ralston Moore, helped the Tigers continue their rally in the top of the fourth, and this time it was Richard Myers that delivered in the clutch, as he pitched a two-run double that pushed Elba in front 5-4. Kyle English added 2 hits apiece. Brandon Petty got the win on the mound as he pitched seven innings and allowed five runs on six hits, while striking out 9 batters.

A double by Marcus Henderson and an RBI single by Ralston Moore helped the Tigers increase their lead to 6-4 in the top of the fifth, but Luverne bounced right back with a lone run in its half of the

inning, and after five innings Elba was clinging to a slim 6-5 advantage.

Richard Myers had a lead off single for Elba in the sixth, and after the next batter pounded out, the Tigers' bats came to life as Brandon Petty, Kyle English, Jason Curran, Marcus Henderson and Ralston Moore all came through with one out singles to spark the Tigers to a four-run sixth inning that enabled Elba to up its lead to 10-5.

Kyle English ripped a two-run single in the top of the seventh as Elba's lead grew to 12-5, and Brandon Petty capped off the win in the bottom of the frame with a pair of strike outs as the Tigers won their area opener 12-5 over Luverne.

Kyle English, Marcus Henderson and Richard Myers all had 3 hits to lead Elba at the plate, while Ralston Moore and Rick Smith added 2 hits apiece. Brandon Petty got the win on the mound as he pitched seven innings and allowed five runs on six hits, while striking out 9 batters.

Elba slams Samson 13-3

The Elba Tigers rallied from an early 3-2 deficit to blast the Samson Tigers 13-3, last Tuesday afternoon in Elba.

The Tigers combined two walks with singles by Jason Curran, Ralston Moore and Derrick Thomas to grab a 2-1 first inning lead, but then watched as Samson rallied and scored twice in the top of the third to regain the lead 3-2.

Elba regained the lead with a bang in its half of the third on a two-run homer by Jason Curran, and added two runs later in the inning to move on top 6-3.

The Tigers continued their onslaught in the bottom of the fourth as they combined five free passes with two hits and a Samson error to plate six runs and extend their lead to 12-3.

Matthew Curran drew a walk to open the inning, while

Brandon Petty was hit by a pitch and Kyle English followed with an RBI single. After Jason Curran reached on an error, Marcus Henderson and Ralston Moore both drew free passes to force two runs. Curran scored on a sacrifice by Rick Smith, and Derrick Thomas followed with a bases-loaded single to blow the game wide open.

Ralston Moore added an RBI single in the fifth as the Tigers increased their lead to 13-3 to close out the win.

Ralston Moore got 3 hits and scored 2 runs to lead Elba at the plate, while Jason Curran added 2 hits and collected 3 RBIs, and Derrick Thomas also chipped in with 2 hits. Marcus Henderson got the win on the mound as he pitched an eight-inning and struck out eight batters.

Lift-Off to benefit athletic programs at Elba High

The Elba Tigers will hold their first annual "Lift Off" on Friday, April 19, at 7:00 PM at the Elba High School gym, with all proceeds going to help finance the Elba High athletic program.

Students in grades six through twelve will participate in the lift off, which is a fund raiser for all Elba High varsity sports.

Competitors will participate in the power clean, squat and bench press, and all Elba Tiger supporters are encouraged to sponsor the lifters by making a pledge for each pound lifted, or simply by making a donation.

For more information on making a pledge of making a donation call Elba High School at 897-2266.

Tiger golfers are still on a roll

The Elba High School golf team remained unbeaten on the young season last week by taking a dual match over Opp High School by a score of 314-330.

Elba's Bart Barnes was

medalist for the match held at the Elba Country Club with a 76, followed by teammate Ben Dye with a 79 and Opp's Adam Pickering with a 79.

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Elba Tiger pitcher Brandon Petty handcuffed Luverne last week after a rocky start to help the Tigers claim a big 12-5 area win. The Tigers won all three starts last week to improve their record to 8-3.

Tigers dump Greenville 8-4

The Elba Tigers capped off a three win week on Friday night by defeating the SA Greenville Tigers 8-4, in Greenville. The win was the third straight for the Tigers since spring break and upped their record to 8-3 on the season.

The Tigers jumped out to a quick 1-0 lead in the top of the first when Brandon Petty drew a lead off walk and later scored on an RBI single by Ralston Moore, then moved on top 2-0 in the fourth when Rick Smith singled and raced home on an RBI triple by Matthew Curran.

Greenville cut the lead to 2-1 in its half of the fourth, but the Tigers bounced right back in the fifth and added a lone run to move on top 3-1. A two-out single for Marcus Henderson started the late rally, and Henderson later scored on a Greenville error.

The Tigers carried the 3-1 lead into the sixth, and then added some insurance as they plated five runs to blow the game open and took a big 8-

4 advantage! A one-out single by Garrett Bowers started the Elba uprising, while Matthew Curran added a single, and Jason Curran came through with a three-run homer. Marcus Henderson followed with a solo home-run to cap off the inning, and the Tigers were finally in charge with an 8-1 lead.

Greenville threw a mild scare into the Tigers in the bottom of the seventh as it scored three runs, but it was too little, too late, as Elba easily held on to post the 8-4 win.

Marcus Henderson got 3 hits to lead Elba at the plate, while Jason Curran, Ralston Moore and Matthew Curran all added 2 hits. Kyle English got the win for Elba on the mound as he pitched four innings and allowed only one run on two hits with six strike-outs. Derrick Thomas came in to relief and pitched two and one-third innings and allowed no hits, while striking out six batters.

High School Baseball & Softball SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 11
(Baseball)
Elba at Pike County 4:00
Kinston at Florala 5:00
(Softball)
New Brockton at Kinston (DH) 4:00

Saturday, April 13
(Baseball)
Ariton at Zion Chapel (Elba) 2:00
(Softball)
Samson Fast-Pitch Softball Tournament

Monday, April 15
(Baseball)
Luverne at Elba 4:30
McKenzie at Zion Chapel (Elba) 5:00
(Softball)
Elba at Samson 5:00
Zion Chapel at Ariton (DH) 4:00
Florala at New Brockton (DH) 3:30

Tuesday, April 16
(Baseball)
Elba at Ariton 5:00
Kinston at Pleasant Home 4:00
(Softball)
Pleasant Home at Elba 4:00
Pike County at Zion Chapel (DH) 4:00
G.W. Long at Kinston (DH) 4:30
Houston Ac. at New Brockton (DH) 4:00

SPORTS

Elba Parks & Recreation YOUTH BASEBALL & SOFTBALL SCHEDULES

BASEBALL

Tee-Ball Baseball
H-W Park, Field #3

Monday, April 15
6:00 - Giants vs. Phillies

Tuesday, April 16
6:00 - Phillies vs. Giants

Coach-Pitch Baseball
H-W Park, Field #1

Thursday, April 11
6:00 - Reds vs. Dodgers
7:30 - New Brockton vs. Rockies

Tuesday, April 16
6:00 - Reds vs. New Brockton
7:30 - Dodgers vs. Rockies

Dixie Minor and Dixie Youth Baseball
Elba games at Legion Field

Thursday, April 11
6:00 - Astros vs. Cardinals
7:45 - Pirates vs. Rays

Friday, April 12
In Elba
6:00 - ZC Red vs. ZC Black
7:45 - Indians vs. Zion Chapel

Monday, April 15
In Elba
6:00 - Marlins vs. New Brockton
7:45 - Indians vs. Rays

Tuesday, April 16
In Elba
6:00 - ZC Black vs. Cardinals
7:45 - Zion Chapel vs. New Brockton

Thursday, April 11
In Elba
6:00 - Marlins vs. Cardinals
7:45 - New Brockton vs. Rays

Dixie Boys Baseball
Elba games at Legion Field

Thursday, April 11
In Luverne
6:00 - Luverne Braves vs. D Backs

Monday, April 15
In Luverne
6:00 - Luverne Braves vs. Mets

7:45 - D'Backs vs. Zion Chapel

Tuesday, April 16
In Elba
6:00 - Elba Braves vs. Brantley
7:45 - New Brockton vs. Zion Chapel

SOFTBALL

Tee-Ball Softball
H-W Park, Field #3

Thursday, April 11
6:00 - Cubs vs. Swallows

Coach-Pitch Softball
H-W Park, Field #1

Monday, April 15
6:00 - Snappers vs. New Brockton

Dixie Angels & Ponytails
H-W Park, Field #2

Thursday, April 11
6:00 - Twisters vs. Zion Chapel
7:30 - Stars vs. ZC Black

Monday, April 15
6:00 - Blaze vs. New Brockton
7:30 - Patriots vs. New Brockton

Tuesday, April 16
6:00 - Twisters vs. New Brockton
7:30 - ZC red vs. ZC Black

Dixie Belles Softball
Elba games at Elba High

Thursday, April 11
In Luverne
6:00 - H Home vs. Brantley
7:30 - Dodgers vs. Devil Rays

Monday, April 15
In Elba
6:30 - River Bandits vs. Brantley

In Luverne
6:00 - Devil Rays vs. H Home
7:30 - Dodgers vs. New Brockton

Tuesday, April 16
In Opp
7:00 - Curve vs. Opp

Troy to host softball tourney

The Troy Sportsplex will host the ASA Spring Time men's Class C and D softball tournaments on April 19-20. The Class C tourney will allow six home runs, with the D division to be allowed to hit two homers. Trophies will be given to the top

four teams, with t-shirts to the winning team. Entry fee will also be returned to the winning teams. Entry fee is \$110 and teams will hit their own balls. To enter call Pam Nix at 670-6051 or 657-2262.

Jody Henderson takes checkered flag in Super Stock feature

By Mark Chisum

Last year Jody Henderson won 16 Super Stock Features at South Alabama Speedway. The 2002 season hasn't gotten off to the kind of start Henderson expected, with a fourth place finish in the opening race and engine troubles the second weekend. Saturday night, Henderson was in the seat of Eugene Bell's Camaro and led all 25 laps to win the Super Stock Feature.

Henderson grabbed the lead from his pole position starting spot with Tommy Adams and David Ashley in hot pursuit. The trio pulled away from the rest of the field to settle things among themselves. A couple of cautions bunched the field back up. During the second caution, Adams right tire began to deflate and he retired from the race on lap 22. Ashley closed to Henderson's bumper but could not mount a challenge for the win. Kenny Parker finished third with Jerry Hurt fourth and Todd Boswell fifth.

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Large field of golfers compete in first annual Johnny Martin Invitational Golf Tournament

Former Troy State golfer Terry Mobley edged Luverne's Clint Norman by one stroke to win the inaugural Johnny Martin Invitational Golf Tournament, held on Saturday, March 30, at the Elba Country Club.

Mobley's three under total of 104 was the class of the field that included 10 different invitational winners across Alabama. Former Elba resident and 2000 Alabama State Amateur player of the year Joey Holley and Montgomery's Stan Sheridan, one of the state's top amateurs, finished tied for third at 108.

Elba's Johnny Martin was considered one of the top golfers in Alabama for many years and included among his many titles, were two Alabama State Left Handers championships. In his honor, a trophy was presented to the top left hander in the tournament. This honor went to Ken Johnson, of Birmingham, who fired a 116.

Following are complete tournament results:

CHAMPIONSHIP A
Terry Mobley Troy 68 36-104
Clint Norman Luverne 70-35-105
Stan Sheridan Montgomery 71-37-108
Joey Holley Troy 73-35-108
Mark Wicker Elba 73-36-109
Mark Sowell Panama City 73-38-109
Colin McCarty Troy 71-39-110
Tommy Skinner Elba 73-40-113

CHAMPIONSHIP B
John Eiland Dothan 76-36-112
Newton Campbell Troy 75-37-112
Colby Capps Elba 76-38-114
Johnny Law Troy 77-38-115
Rex Jackson Elba 75-40-115
Alton Starling Troy 77-39-116
Dale Crowe Elba 77-40-117
Jack Byars Troy 77-41-118

CHAMPIONSHIP C
Don Jacobs Troy 80-35-115
Ken Johnson Birmingham 78-38-116
Tim Mitchell Dothan 80-36-116
Jeff Ross Troy 79-40-119
George Taylor Elba 78-43-121
Casey Jones Andalusia 80-43-123
Darrell Johnson Birmingham 81-43-124
Terry Marcus Birmingham 81-45-126

FIRST FLIGHT
Gene Strickland Elba 83-37-120
Mike Hall Troy 84-36-120
David Haley Elba 83-39-122
Scott Parrish Geneva 83-41-122
Scott Kinsaul Elba 83-43-125
Johnny Stroud Troy 81-46-127
L.B. Peaveyhouse Troy 86-44-130
Jimmy Lunsford Troy 85-WD

SECOND FLIGHT
Ken Martin Elba 89-39-128
Johnny Faulk 87-42-129
Jack Mullinax Elba 89-40-129
Rann King Elba 86-44-130
Benji Kinsaul Andalusia 88-43-131
Joe Johnson Elba 88-46-134
Terry Hudson 88-48-136
Charles Bowden Elba 89-49-138

THIRD FLIGHT
Mike Kelley Andalusia 91-44-135
Tony Hudson Troy 90-46-136
Kenneth Nolin Elba 93-44-137
David Innan Birmingham 90-50-140
Jeff Innan Birmingham 96-47-143
Everette Kelley Elba 96-NC

LEFT HANDERS
Ken Johnson Birmingham 78-38-116
Darrell Johnson Birmingham 81-43-124
Terry Marcus Birmingham 81-45-126
Mike Kelley Andalusia 91-44-135
Charles Bowden Elba 89-49-138

Kinston Bulldogs move into Top 10 in prep baseball poll

The Alabama Sports Writers Association has released its high school baseball and softball standings for the week of April 4, 2002, and making its first ever appearance in the statewide poll are the Kinston Bulldogs.

The Bulldogs, which saw a sixteen game winning streak snapped last weekend, was ranked at #8 in the Class 1A-3A standings.

Following are complete standings:
BASEBALL
Class 1A-3A
1. G.W. Long, 2. Hokes Bluff, 3. Plainville, 4. Athens Bible, 5. Holly Pond, 6. Ashville, 7. Madison Academy, 8. Kinston, 9. Gaston, 10. Excel
Class 4A-5A
1. Hartselle, 2. St. Pauls, 3. Muscle Shoals, 4. Mortimer Jordan, 5. Trinity, 6. Lawrence County, 7. Winfield, 8. St. James, 9. Geneva, 10. Holt &

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High School Baseball & Softball DIAMOND NOTES

(Baseball)

Kinston Bulldogs roll past Samson 6-2

The Kinston Bulldogs upped their record to 14-1 last Monday afternoon with a 6-2 win over the Samson Tigers, in Kinston. Patrick Nelson got the win for the Bulldogs by pitching five innings and allowing three hits, while striking out seven batters. Jim Bedsole picked up the save. Nine Bulldog batters got one hit each in the win.

Zion Chapel pounds Florala 18-2

Zion Chapel improved its record to 10-4 last Monday afternoon with an easy 18-2 win over the Florala Wildcats, in Florala. Wesley Grant had two hits, including a home-run, and drove in three runs to lead the Rebels at the plate, while Andy Kelley and Austin Smith both added two hits apiece. Sam Wannies, Brandon Arnold, Jason Dantley and T.J. Winters all added one hit. Josh Smith picked up the mound win as he pitched a complete game and allowed only two hits, while striking out seven batters.

Kinston Bulldogs edge past Eagles 9-6

The Kinston Bulldogs picked up a key area win last Tuesday afternoon by defeating the Pleasant Home Eagles 9-6, in Kinston. Cody Sansom pitched seven innings to pick up the win and recorded 12 strike-outs, while the Bulldogs were led at the plate by Tim Whigham, Michael Hamilton and Ryan Anderson with two hits apiece.

Zion Chapel falls to G.W. Long 7-3

The Zion Chapel Rebels threw an early scare into the highly-ranked G.W. Long Rebels by jumping out to as quick 2-0 lead, but saw Long stage a late rally to escape with a 7-3 win over the Rebels, last Tuesday night in Elba. Ben McNeal pitched the final five innings for Long and handcuffed the Rebels on no hits, while striking out 12 batters. Rick Pruitt led Long at the plate with two hits, including a two-run homer.

New Brockton falls to Wicksburg 6-2

The New Brockton Gamecocks remained winless on the season on Thursday afternoon by dropping a 6-2 decision to the Wicksburg Panthers. Thomas Harrison tossed a four-hitter and struck out 13 batters to lead the Panthers, and also led Wicksburg at the plate with two hits.

Kinston Bulldogs blank Florala 10-0

The Kinston Bulldogs made it sixteen straight wins Thursday afternoon by coasting past the Florala Wildcats 10-0, in Kinston. Ryan Anderson and J.T. Wiggins combined to pitch a one-hitter to lead the Bulldogs on the mound, while Cody Sansom and Jim Bedsole had two hits each to lead the Bulldogs at the plate.

Brantley Bulldogs caged by Cats 11-5

The Brantley Bulldogs continued their struggles on the diamond Thursday afternoon by falling to the Arton Purple Cats 11-5, in Arton. Chris Logan pitched a complete game and allowed seven hits, while striking out 12 batters, and also led the way at the plate with 2 hits, including a home-run, and four RBIs.

Kinston Bulldogs ripped by ACA 13-4

The Kinston Bulldogs saw their sixteen game winning streak snapped Saturday afternoon in a 13-4 loss to Alabama Christian in Hartford. The Bulldogs owned a slim 4-3 lead heading into the fifth inning, only to see ACA explode for nine runs to blow the game open. Matthew Wilkerson had an RBI single for the Bulldogs in the third inning, while Tim Whigham added an RBI double in the fourth. Ryan Anderson was tagged with the loss on the mound.

Kinston Bulldogs upset Geneva County 4-2

The Kinston Bulldogs bounced back from their loss to upset the Geneva County Bulldogs 4-2, Saturday afternoon in Hartford. Cody Sansom tossed a complete game eight hitter with three strike-outs to get the win for the Bulldogs, while Justin Creech had a key two-run single and Michael Hamilton added an RBI single.

(Softball)

New Brockton sweeps Zion Chapel 15-0, 18-2

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks improved to 4-0 on the season with an easy double-header sweep over the Zion Chapel Lady Rebels 15-0 and 18-2, last Tuesday afternoon in New Brockton. Brooke Anderson, Rena Donaldson, Kendra Cole and Andrea McDermont all had two hits for New Brockton in the opener, while in the second game Anderson, Lakiya Flowers, Jenna Donaldson and LaShonda Flowers all collected two hits.

Kinston Lady Bulldogs pound Pike 16-6, 22-0

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs improved their record to 8-0 last Tuesday afternoon with a 16-6, 22-0 double-header sweep over Pike County. Katie Smith got 3 hits and ripped a home-run to lead Kinston in the opener, while Britney Hunko also added 3 hits. Meghan King and Hunko both got 3 hits in the second game, while Kate Smith, Elizabeth Farris and Mandy Loupe added 2 hits each.

Lady Gamecocks swept by Abbeville 14-6, 11-6

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks traveled to Abbeville Thursday afternoon and suffered their first losses of the season as the Lady Jackets swept the double-header 14-6 and 11-6. Kim Crosby and Karita Taylor hit home-runs for Abbeville in the opener, while Taylor and Stephanie Mills belted homers in the second game.

Kinston Lady Bulldogs split with Florala 10-15, 6-4

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs bounced back from their first loss of the season in game one to earn a split in their double-header against the Florala Lady Wildcats. Thursday afternoon in Kinston, Kinston 9-11 dropped the opener 15-10 despite four hits by Katie Smith and three hits by Tana Smith and Haley Kilcrease, while the Lady Bulldogs rallied to post a 6-4 win in game two behind the hitting of Mandy Loupe, Summer McDonald and Bridget Marlowe, all with two hits.

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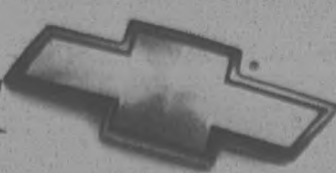
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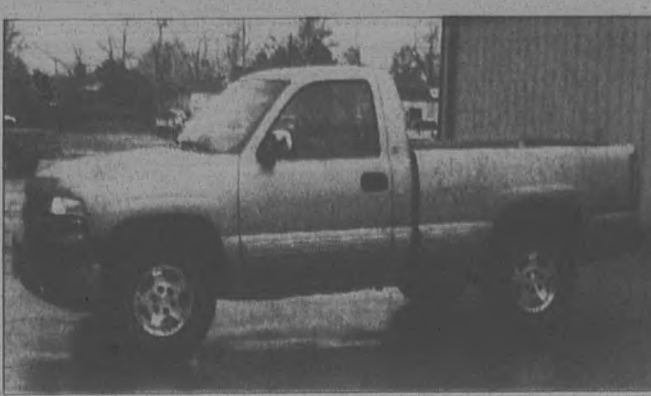
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Elba School Board hears proposal to terminate agribusiness program

by Fern Cox, Publisher

Emotions were high Tuesday evening at the monthly meeting of the Elba High School Board. What is normally a short, very routine "going through the motions" of paying the bills,



A HOST of Elba High School agribusiness students were in attendance at the Tuesday evening school board meeting (standing just outside the board room) to learn the fate of their program. Many showed their support by wearing shirts embossed with the FFA emblem.

County BOE holds off on buying new textbooks

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education entertained recommendations from the textbook committee during its regular monthly meeting Thursday, April 4.

Tom Moates, textbook coordinator for the system, addressed the board with recommendations from the textbook committee, and he said the committee worked extremely hard this year in coming up with its recommendations for the science textbooks.

Moates said he has been the coordinator for the school system over the past 12 years, and he remembers the last time the science cycle came about six years ago. He said the teachers did not like the books that were chosen.

"I have nothing to do with the selection. All I do is coordinate," he said. "However, all the science teachers in the school system are involved in this process."

Moates said if the board approved the recommendations of the committee and the school system was able to purchase some of the books, they will be used for six years.

"The Glencoe book was popular with all the teachers with the exception of the Biology book in which they liked the Holt book," he said in reference to the 6-12

grades. "Tonight, I want to ask you to adopt all the books on the state's list every science book," he said. "That way we can keep the extras as resources."

Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram said the school system had flexed some textbook muscles this year to pay other things, therefore the purchase of any books would require the system to pay for them out of local funds.

"I recommend we adopt the state's list but not purchase any books until we see what the legislature is going to do," she said.

A motion was made to this effect and passed by a unanimous vote of the board. While handling personnel matters,

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